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EDITORIAL

In working over notes for the purpose of making a general report, the first great difficulty to a comprehensive view of any one species is in the lack of notes from widely different localities. An ideal report would have for its ba-

sis not only these widely different localities, but all intervening places as well. With our limited numbers we cannot hope for more than an approximation to this. But we have members in Maine and in California, in Minnesota and in Florida, with many between. The difficulty, then, is not in the places which ought to be represented, but in those who should represent them. Not enough members attend to making their reports.

The coming report on the Owls is already fuller than the present one on the Sparrows, but there are still some serious gaps. Thus far nothing but the bare lists are in. Before the first of September, certainly not later than the 15th of that month, all notes should be sent to the President. We want every note that you have. Study the scheme in the last QUARTERLY, and make your report carefully. Omit nothing because you regard it of no interest. We want it.

Measurements of eggs and of birds are particularly desired. The phases of plumage will furnish material for a very interesting portion of the report.

Lose no time in getting your notes together.

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Since our last issue two new active, and two new associate members have joined us, with others likely to do so at an early date. We still have room for those who wish to aid in the work which we are trying to do.

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What shall we study next year? Now is the time to be thinking about it. Before October we should have our plans well matured so that they can be put into definite shape in the next issue, and in the January issue fully worked out. It is a matter in which we are all interested. If any one has a new plan of work let him propose it so that we can have it under advisement.

Not as many notes have been sent in as we hoped. The pages of the paper ought to fairly glow with the freshness of the fields. We all see very unusual things which would be of great interest to all. Write them up briefly and send them in. Notice in this issue what has been discovered by members. You can do as well.